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Applicant(s): Billing-Medel et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of June 4, 1999, Applicants respectfully elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6, 11, 12, 15, and 17-18), with traverse.

Should any questions arise concerning the above, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billing-Medel et al.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Billing-Medel *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, the specification of which was filed on March 27, 1998 and received Serial No. 09/049,695.

Also enclosed is:

Request for Extension of Time (1-Month)  
Return-Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees concerning this transaction, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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